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American Memory Fellows Program

Murder and Mayhem

The Great Gatsby: Facts Behind the Fiction

Part IV: (Assessment)

Content: (80 points)

- **News Page**
 - Historical news story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Flag, front page information, photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____
- **Editorial Page**
 - Historical editorial 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby editorial 0 - 4 points _____
 - Masthead, letters to editor, political cartoon 0 - 2 points _____
- **Lifestyles Page**
 - Historical story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____
- **Advertisement Page**
 - Historical advertisements (from 1920s) 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby advertisements 0 - 4 points _____
 - Classifieds, personals 0 - 2 points _____
- **Entertainment Page**
 - Historical entertainment story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____
- **Obituary Page**
 - Historical obituary 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby obituary 0 - 4 points _____
 - Death notices, photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____
- **Sports Page**
 - Historical sports story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____
- **Business Page**
 - Historical business story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Fictionalized Gatsby story 0 - 4 points _____
 - Photos, captions 0 - 2 points _____

Mechanics/Clarity: (20 points)

- Documentation/bibliography 0 - 10 points _____
- Neatness, creativity 0 - 10 points _____

Total Score: (100 points)

Grade Equivalents:

Content:

For each of the eight sections of the paper, the students will earn a content score of 10 points:

Each of the two stories (one based on historical events and sources and one based on a fictionalized account from *The Great Gatsby*) is worth up to 4 points:

- 4 is the equivalent of an A – the article is historically accurate, has few or no grammatical errors, and is written in a style appropriate to that section of the newspaper. (eg. News, lifestyle, editorials etc.) The article includes a headline and a byline.
- 3 is the equivalent of a B/C – complete, but without as much detail, or with some grammatical errors; the style may be inappropriate for that section of the newspaper. The article has a headline and a byline.
- 2 is the equivalent of a C/D – too brief, or with little or no detail. It may have many grammatical errors; the style may be inappropriate for that section of the newspaper. The article may not have a headline or a byline.
- 1 is the equivalent of a D/F – the article is inaccurate and/or inappropriately written. It has many grammatical errors and may be unacceptably brief. The stories may not have a headline or byline.
- 0 indicates that there is no story on the page.

Each of the eight sections also has 0-2 points awarded for the appropriate use of photos/captions or other features typically found in that section.

- 2 indicates that the pictures are appropriate, are related to the stories, have a caption. Other features unique to that page (eg. The flag for page one) are included and appropriately placed.
- 1 indicates that the pictures may not be well chosen, may not include a caption. Other features unique to the page are missing or incomplete.
- 0 indicates that there are no pictures or unique features are missing.

Mechanics/Clarity:

Documentation/bibliography (0-10 points)

- Each historical article, picture, and advertisement must have a reference citation giving credit to the original source. In addition, there must be a completed bibliography of all of the sources used attached to the back of the newspaper.
- The scores of 0-10 translate to 10 is 100% and 0 is 0%.
- Scores between 10 and 0 are determined by the completeness and accuracy of the bibliography - and inclusion of a reference citation for each source included in the paper. (These appear after the historical article and under pictures, advertisements, etc. which were taken from the American Memory collections or other sources.)

Neatness/Creativity (0-10 points)

- The scores of 0-10 translate to 10 is 100% and 0 is 0%.